



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
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Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The Department is proposing to amend WAC 388-400-0010, "Who is eligible for state family assistance?", and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.08.283, RCW 74.08.090, and RCW 74.04.057

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The Department is proposing to amend WAC 388-400-0010 to allow State Family Assistance (SFA) to be issued in certain situations to two-parent families that are otherwise eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). This change would not impact services or benefits to clients.

This proposed change would help to improve the state's work participation rate and would reduce, or eliminate, the penalty imposed on the state for not meeting the federal participation rate. This proposed change is necessary to help meet federal TANF work participation targets set by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact:

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